

**REMARKS**

Claims 13 and 15-19 are pending. Claims 1-12 and 14 have been canceled. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the patent to Berdan *et al.* in view of the patent to Nomura *et al.* The applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn in view of the following.

Claim 13 now recites that each mount rib includes a reinforcement rib for improving the strength of the resin molded article, and each reinforcement rib forms a longitudinal end of the corresponding mount rib. In addition, claim 13 recites that each reinforcement rib is inclined such that the distance by which each reinforcement rib extends from the resin molded article increases in a direction from the longitudinal end of the mount rib toward the center of the mount rib. The reinforcement ribs (123) are shown in at least Fig. 26A and Fig. 29 and are discussed at least at page 64, lines 1-8. Neither the patent to Berdan *et al.* nor the patent to Nomura *et al.* shows this feature. This feature facilitates longitudinal attachment of the clip to the resin molded articles and is thus unobvious in view of either of the patents to Berdan *et al.* or Nomura *et al.* alone or in combination.

Claims 15-17 have been amended to correct minor grammatical errors. No new matter has been added.

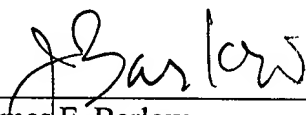
The applicants respectfully request rejoinder of claims 15-19, since these claims are dependent on claim 13 and cover species to which claim 13 is generic.

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In view of the forgoing, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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Respectfully submitted,

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